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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY  
RIDE ALONGS**

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**POLICY:** All ride alongs on any paramedic unit will be scheduled through the Milwaukee County EMS Office.

All ride alongs scheduled by Milwaukee County will be done in collaboration with the involved fire department.

The fire department has the ability to schedule ride alongs on paramedic units for their local residents and/or municipal officials riding as an independent, provided County's releases are signed and submitted to County's EMS office prior to the ride along.

Ride alongs are to be observational and at no time may the individual on the ride along participate in patient care.

Students enrolled in County's educational programs will have priority when scheduling ride alongs.

If an observational ride along scheduled through Milwaukee County EMS has an assessment fee, half of the collected fee will be credited to the Municipality where the ride along occurs, with the exception of County's two units. County reserves the right to determine which entities will be assessed a ride along fee.

**PROCEDURE:** The fire department scheduling the ride along must have the individual complete and sign the following forms:

- Milwaukee County EMS Guidelines for Observational Ride-alongs on Paramedic Units
- Milwaukee County EMS Contract for Confidentiality
- Other forms as required by the municipality or individual fire department

The original forms are to be received at Milwaukee County EMS offices prior to the date and time of the ride along. 48 hours notice is preferable.

Milwaukee County EMS will keep a master log of all scheduled ride alongs, including EMS students, other health care agencies, schools, businesses, etc.

Milwaukee County EMS will check the ride along schedule to rule out conflicts and establish priority if necessary.

If a scheduling conflict arises, MC EMS will notify the fire department and ask for an alternate schedule.

Milwaukee County EMS will log the date and time of the ride along on the master schedule.

The fire department will notify the individual of the date and time of the ride along, along with any other instructions.